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Security Is the Question

NOW THAT General Eisenhower has explained his administration's role in the Cuban invasion, we hope that political bickering on the subject will die a quick and unlamented death.

The President and the former president have stated the facts regarding their individual responsibility clearly enough for anyone to understand. Cooperation with the Cuban rebels began under Mr. Eisenhower; Mr. Kennedy continued it, and because the ill-fated invasion took place during his administration, he has assumed full responsibility.

What should concern us now is establishment of how and where miscalculations came. This should be done

not to open some political advantages for one party or the other, but to prevent similar mistakes in the future.

Now is the time to be investigating the charges some observers are making regarding Mr. Cardona, the leader of the Cuban rebels. These observers allege that Mr. Cardona is not the man to unite all elements of the Castro opposition and that in backing him, the United States may be about to commit another error such as the one which produced Castro.

IN VIEW of the sad experience the United States has had in past dealings with Cuba, the nature of these charges is such as to demand a closer look.

The investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency and the overseas information services should not be for the purpose of hampering the legitimate duties of these agencies, but to put a stop to the series of defeats the United States has suffered as a result of faulty intelligence or miscue.

This is not a matter of placing political blame, but one involving national security.